

# New Mexico Court Interpreter Certification



There are two paths to certification for interpreters who reside in or plan to practice in New Mexico.

## Traditional Path

Individuals who are interested in pursuing certification must first register for the online class, Introduction to Court Interpreting, offered through the New Mexico Center for Language Access. This is a two-week self-paced class and the cost is \$150.00.

Upon completion of this class they may take further preparatory classes through NMCLA or other programs, which is strongly encouraged, or work on their own to prepare for the required examinations.

## Justice System Interpreter Path

This option requires completion of a 20 week online class, which includes extensive practice and observation with instructor feedback., and an additional six week internship.

At the conclusion of the training program, students will complete the required certification exams. If they do not pass these exams at the level required for certification they may qualify as Justice System Interpreters, a level of qualification recognized by the New Mexico State Courts.

### WRITTEN EXAMINATION

A score of 80% or above is required to register for the Simultaneous Exam.

### ORAL EXAMINATIONS

**Simultaneous Examination** A score of 70% or above is required to register for the Consecutive and Sight Translation Exams.

**Consecutive and Sight Translation Examinations** A score of 70% or above on each of these exams is required for certification.

**ALL Examinations are conducted at the New Mexico State Bar Association building, 5121 Masthead NE in Albuquerque, New Mexico.**

# 2015

## Introduction to Court Interpreting Online Class

Start Dates	Registration Due
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January 26	January 21
April 16	April 1
June 15	July 7
July—December	TBD

## Justice System Interpreter Program

Dates	Registration Due
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January 13	January 6
May 12	May 5
September 8	September 2

## EXAMS

### Written Exam

Dates	Registration Due
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March 2	February 23
May 17	May 8
August 8	July 31
November 21	November 13

### Simultaneous Exam

Dates	Registration Due
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January 24	December 12
April 25	March 13
June 20	May 15
October 17	September 4

### Consecutive & Sight Translation Exams

Start Dates	Registration Due
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March 28	February 13
June 27	June 27
August 22	July 10
December 5	October 30

**For registration fees, additional information and to register for the above classes or exams go to:**

[www.nmcenterforlanguageaccess.org](http://www.nmcenterforlanguageaccess.org)